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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS ON SCM PREPARATIONS

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1. KOREAN PRESS JULY 22 DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO SCM PREPARATIONS. CHOSON ILBO CARRIES WASHINGTON REPORT THAT WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE NOW FIRM AND THAT IT "REFLECTS THE KOREAN POSITION..." ALTHOUGH DETAILS NOT REPORTED. SAME ARTICLE REPORTS BRIEFING OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS BY SECRETARY BROWN, STATING "SOURCES SAID THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS... HAD SHOWN MORE OR LESS POSITIVE REACTIONS TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SUGGESTED..."

2. OTHER PAPERS DO NOT REFLECT THIS MEASURE OF OPTIMISM, ALTHOUGH THEY REPORT FACT OF THE BRIEFING IN GENERALLY POSITIVE VEIN, WHILE CARRYING IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER SOME TONING DOWN OF YESTERDAY'S "8 BILLION DOLLAR" STORY. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS SAYING SECRETARY CARRYING "CONSIDERABLE MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE." ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOREA TIMES FEATURES CALL BY KOREAN GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR COMPENSATORY MEASURES "BEFORE WITHDRAWAL."

3. THIS GENERAL PICTURE OF WATCHFUL RATHER ANXIOUS INTEREST IS REFLECTED IN A LONG THOUGHTFUL EDITORIAL IN JULY 21 TONGA ILBO. STRESSING EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SCM, AND LISTING THE VARIOUS TOPICS TO BE TREATED, THE EDITORIAL EXPRESSES SOME OPTIMISM BASED ON U.S. CRITICISM OF THE

WITHDRAWAL PLAN BUT OBSERVES "IT IS DOUBTFUL TO WHAT
EXTENT THE GAPS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WILL BE NARROWED AT
THE MEETING."
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